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SUBJECT: CONVERSATION WITH BELGIAN AMBASSADOR

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1. MISSION HAS NEITHER RECEIVED NOR DISTRIBUTED ANY INDEPENDENT REPORTS ON ISABEL PERON'S HEALTH. WE NOTE HOWEVER THAT U.S. CONTRIBUTION TO OCTOBER 15-17 NATO EXPERTS WORKING GROUP ON LATIN AMERICA HAD PARAGRAPH ON MRS. PERON'S HEALTH (P. 23, PARA. 54). THESE NATIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS BY VARIOUS ALLIES WERE--AS IS NORMAL--DISTRIBUTED TO ALL PARTICIPANTS IN EXPERT WORKING GROUP MEETINGS, ATTENDED BY FSO RICHARD BLOOMFIELD (ARA/LA/PLC).

2. PARAGRAPH ON MRS. PERON'S HEALTH IN U.S. CONTRIBUTION READ AS FOLLOWS: "MRS. PERON'S HEALTH REMAINS AN IMPORTANT IMPONDERABLE. DURING PAST PERIODS OF TENSION, AND AGAIN DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF SEPTEMBER, SHE REPORTEDLY SUFFERED EXTREME NERVOUSNESS, MENTAL ANXIETY, AND LOSS OF WEIGHT. SHOULD THE PRESSURES OF OFFICE AGGRAVATE THESE AILMENTS, THEY MIGHT WEAKEN HER RESOLVE TO RETAIN THE PRESIDENCY AND MIGHT LEAD EITHER TO HER RESIGNATION OR TO AN INSTITUTIONAL ADJUSTMENT SUCH AS THE CREATION OF A PRIME MINISTER, WHO WOULD FREE HER FROM THE DECISION-MAKING BURDEN."

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3. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH COMMENT FURTHER.  
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